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1. Zipper is in the process of pulling together the various leads and of awaiting replies from field agencies on the current status of various operations or operational prospects. The following is an interim reply to reference:

a. Zipper's OV B has a former Gestapo co-worker of Subject's, 1-7629-A, who, under his true name, wrote to Subject in September '52 directly addressing his letter to Bourbion, a town at which Subject has been reported by a number of sources. The writer, who is on "Da" terms with Subject, offered to resume intelligence work for Subject. However, he received no reply. This lead is dead.

b. Zipper's OV C:

(1) A man by the name of BUSCH (phonetic - not clear whether true or alias) in November '52 tried to establish contact with Subject. He went to the police praeidium on Alexander Platz in the eastern sector of Berlin and asked for Subject. East Berlin police officials told him that they had no knowledge of Subject's whereabouts and suggested that he address himself to the East German Ministry of Interior. However, he did not go there. No outstanding exploitation possibility here.

(2) 9-11718. In the fall of '52 talked with Kriminal Rat KURZER (phonetic) who runs an Auskunftsamt (information office) in Graz, Austria. The letter served with the RSHA and with the Gestapo in Vienna. Asked about Subject, KURZER stated that he was not in direct contact with him but that he had heard that Subject is active for the West German Ministry of Interior.

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6. Kipper's CSW: Reports have been received in the form of memo 4500 and 5217 which will be reported on separately. An unidentified source or sources of CSW has received an unconfirmed report that Subject is alleged to have approached his former chief, KANTERER, and to have offered employment to him as well as to former members of the SSMA. CSW also is supposed to be following the lead represented by Subject's sister, Frau Elsa FOLTRIK, born 1912, who lives in Munich. We are awaiting a report of developments.

6. Kipper's OV 6: In February '53 V-13692 reported, as the result of conversations with persons who are acquainted with relatives of Subject, that he is supposed to be in Durban.

6. Kipper's U/H: We are not sure of the details but we believe that one or more sources of U/H either has already or may be contacting Subject's wife in Vienna. However, not much is expected to come out of this. [See EGL-A-4143.]

2. As stated above, this is an interim reply only. We shall send you a further report along with assessment of apparent prospects as soon as possible.

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